

War News.

BATTLE OF TUGELA RIVER.

Buller Receives a Severe Check, and Loses Ten Guns and 1,007 Men.
Lord Roberts; and Kitchener off for South Africa.
Mounted Volunteers from the Colonies to be Accepted.
Britain will see the Struggle Through.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16, '99.
London, Dec. 16; The war office has received a despatch announcing that Gen. Buller has met with a very sanguine defeat; The following is Buller's despatch:

Dec. 15, 6.20 p.m.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved the full strength from our camp near Cheveley at 4 o'clock this morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela river, and it was my intention to force a passage through them. They are about two miles apart and my intention was to force one or the other with one brigade supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left drift, Gen. Hildyard the right and Gen. Lyttleton was to attack the centre and to support either.

Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Connaught rangers, I fear suffered a great deal. Col. Brooke was seriously wounded. I then ordered Gen. Hildyard to advance which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey occupied Colenso station and houses near the bridge; At that moment I heard the whole of the artillery I had sent to support the attack. The 14th and 66th field batteries, and six naval twelve pounders quick firers under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river in Col. Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of the enemy who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range killing all their horses and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some wagon teams got shelter for the troops and desperate efforts were made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers whose names will furnish. Another gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer whose name I will obtain. Of 18 horses 13 were killed and several drivers wounded. I would not allow another attempt as it seemed that they would be a useless sacrifice of life to attempt to force the passage unsupported by artillery. I directed the troops to withdraw which they did in good order. Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right flank, but was kept back by mounted men under Lord Dundonald and part of Gen. Barton's brigade. The day was intensely hot and trying to the troops, whose conduct was excellent.

We have abandoned ten guns and have lost by shell fire. Our losses in Gen. Hart's brigade are I fear heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded is I hope not large. The four tenth and sixth field batteries also suffered severe losses. We have returned to our camp at Cheveley.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.
London, Dec. 18; Field Marshall Lord Roberts, of Kandahar, and Waterford, commander in chief of the British forces, Ireland, has been appointed to the chief command in South Africa, with Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum as his chief of staff. The official announcement of this change by which General Sir Redvers Buller has been superseded was posted at the war office before midnight. The announcement says that as the campaign in Natal in the opinion of Her Majesty's government is likely to require the presence and undivided attention of General Buller, it has been decided to send Lord Roberts, of Kandahar, and Waterford, as commander in chief in South Africa, with Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, as chief of staff.

The war office yesterday also issued the following: Acting upon the advice of the military authorities Her Majesty's government has approved the following: All remaining portions of the army reserve, including section D is called out. The seventh division which is being mobilized will proceed to South Africa without delay. The commander in chief in South Africa has been authorized to continue to raise at his discretion local troops of mounted infantry. Nine battalions of militia, in addition to two battalions which have already volunteered for service in Malta and one for service in the Channel Islands will be allowed to volunteer for service outside the United Kingdom; and a number of the militia battalions will be embodied for service at home. A strong force of volunteers selected from the Yeomanry regiments will be formed for service in South Africa. Arrangements are being made and will shortly be announced for the employment in South Africa of a strong contingent of carefully selected volunteers. Patriotic offers which are being received from the colonies will so far as possible be accepted, preference being given to offers of mounted regiments.

The Court News has issued the following: Arrangements which were made for the Queen's departure from Windsor have been postponed until Christmas as owing to the present state of affairs in South Africa the Queen is unwilling to be at a distance for the present.

The British government has not yet accepted Canada's offer of a second contingent.

General Gatacre has removed his troops and stores to Sterkstroom from Putter's Kraal and General French has established his headquarters at Arundal.

Lieut-General Sir Chas. Warren, commanding the fifth division of the First Army Corps has arrived at Cape Town, and it is understood will proceed to Port Elizabeth.

Further news has been received regarding the battle of Tugela river.

The latest account regarding the battle of Magersfontein shows that the retirement of the British troops was executed with the greatest coolness and under a heavy Boer artillery fire on Tuesday.

Mafeking is safe and Col. Powell is still actively pushing out defences.

General Buller telegraphed the total casualties at Tugela river as 1,007. Killed 87, wounded 607, missing 343. While trying to recover the guns at Tugela river Lieut. Roberts, son of Lord Roberts, received wounds from which he died.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Walter Shanly, C. E., died at Montreal yesterday.

Messrs. Haultain and Ross, of the Northwest government are in Winnipeg.

Latest reports from Dauphin confirm the election of Burrows, government. Baldwinson, opposition, is still leading in Gimli. There are no further developments in the political situation in Manitoba.

LOCAL.

—Lovely weather to-day.

—Found a small sum of money apply at the Bulletin office.

—A severe cold snap on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

—The Regina Standard reports wheat 8¢ at that point.

—The Electric Light Company are carrying 1,300 lights.

—Entertainment on Wednesday evening in Bon Accord school house.

—Mrs. J. T. Blowey returned last week from a visit to the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bellamy leave to-morrow morning on a visit east.

—The Dowling Milling Company are erecting a warehouse for flour 21x50.

—The Thistler rink will probably open for the season on Wednesday night for skating.

—Chicken shooting closed on Friday last. Partridges are now out of season also.

—R. A. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie, of Beaver lake, were in town on Saturday.

—F. Villeneuve, M. L. A., has been ill in the hospital for some time from inflammatory rheumatism.

—Three hundred and seventeen persons registered in McDougall & Secord's new register on Saturday.

—P. B. Cunliffe, of the Fort Saskatchewan milling company, went east on Friday's train on an extended trip.

—S. Parish, a pioneer in the grain and produce business at Strathcona, is revisiting this district from Kooteenay.

—Pivoting on the bridge, which was suspended during the coldest of the weather of last week, is again in progress.

—E. Lambert of Fort Saskatchewan, has presented the Bulletin with a very fine cabbage, a sample of his success in growing.

—The first hockey match of the season will take place between the Shamrocks and Thistles on the afternoon of Christmas day.

—The Morville flour mill building is completed and the machinery is on the way. It is expected that the machinery will be put in before spring.

—E. Carey has threshed \$1,000 bushels of grain to date. His thresher is still at work near Cut Bank lake. He has contracts for about 18,000 bushels yet.

—A sale of art work and fancy articles, will be held at Mrs. E. Loppy's on Thursday afternoon and evening, to clear off. Everything will be sold at half-price.

—A total eclipse of the moon took place on Saturday evening. The opportunity for observing it could not be improved. The sky was clear and the moon was at the full.

—Court opens to-morrow in the new court room in the Sandison block, Judge Scott will preside. The announcement was for last week, but the opening was postponed.

—The curling rink is in first class shape for the season's sport, but no draw for games has yet been made. Several scrabb games have been played, there being one on Saturday afternoon last.

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NORTHERN CAPE COLONY.

The defeat of Gen. Gatacre at Stormberg and its natural results on the Dutch population of Cape Colony creates another theatre of war in South Africa. Stormberg is an important railway junction in the disaffected section. The disaffected section may be roughly described as that part of Cape Colony occupying the southern side of the drainage basin of the Orange river which river in this part forms the boundary between Cape Colony and the Orange Free State. There is no doubt that the country south resembles that north of the Orange river and that the people are very largely the same on both sides. But south of the river owing to British control there has been greater development than on the north side and of course there is a considerable British element. But the bulk of the people are Dutch and quite as ambitious for an independent Dutch republic covering South Africa as the people of the Free State or the Transvaal. Indeed it was the knowledge of the sympathy and expectation of the active assistance of this part of Cape Colony that was the chief inducement to the declaration of war by the Transvaal. The wonder is that they have not been more active already. It would seem that their former quietude and apparent inactivity mean that only now have they awakened to the fact of their brethren needing help to drive the hated British into the sea. As already stated the population is large and the wealth considerable, so that their accession to the cause of the republics means plenty more trouble for Britain. At the same time there is no doubt that the bulk of the fighting force of their young men were in the armies of the Free State and Transvaal from the start. But still the general rising of the people of a large area of country adds to the seriousness of the situation. As the consequences to them in the event of defeat would naturally be much more serious than to the inhabitants of the independent republics; once they declare for war they may be expected to fight even more desperately than their neighbors.

The district principally affected is about 200 miles from east to west by fifty miles from north to south. It is well traversed by railways, has many towns and every indication of a numerous and prosperous population. The principal railway lines run from south to north, with branches and connections.

The most easterly line is that from East London through King William's town, Queenstown, Stormberg, Sterkstroom to Dordrecht about forty miles distant. Jamestown is north of Dordrecht about half way to Alivil North and is about 30 miles east of Burghersdorp. It is on a main trail, but not on a railway. Barkley East, is about sixty miles east of Jamestown on a trail leading to Dordrecht, and is the most easterly point of importance in the disaffected district. The invading forces in this district crossed the Orange river at Bethulie and at Alivil North. The Bethulie force followed the railway to Stormberg, occupying Burghersdorp. The Alivil North force marched by trail through Jamestown to Dordrecht, being joined on the way by disaffected Dutch from Barkley East. No doubt both forces united at Stormberg to dispute Gen. Gatacre's advance from Queenstown.

Another line of railway leaves the coast at Port Elizabeth and is joined within the first hundred miles by another road from Port Alfred. This road passes through Cradock, which is connected with Queenstown by trail. Middleburg, where a junction railway connects with East London line at Stormberg; Nieuwpoort, where a junction connects with the Cape Town and Kimberley railway at De Aar; very near to Colesburg, which is a very important centre of disaffection; crosses the Orange river at Norval's Pont and meets the East London line at Springfontein, from which point a single line is continued through Bloemfontein to Johannesburg and Pretoria. At a comparatively early stage in the war a force from the Orange Free State crossed the Orange river at Norval's Pont and occupied Colesburg. To prevent the raiding of this force into the loyal section of Cape Colony further south Gen. French was sent from De Aar, some time ago with a force one or two thousand strong. He has made several reconnaissances towards Colesburg and is said to have occupied Arundel, about 20 miles from Nieuwpoort and halfway to Colesburg.

As the junction railway from Stormberg where Gen. Gatacre was defeated connects with the Port Elizabeth line at Middleburg, 25 miles south of Nieuwpoort, the Boer victory at Stormberg may result in Gen. French being caught between a force from either side. Steynsburg is a town on this junction line already occupied by the Boers who are said to have blown up a railway bridge there.

A third railway line leaves the sea at Cape Town and after passing through De Aar junction, which was the British base of operations on that line, crosses the Orange river a little east of Hope Town and passes through Belmont, Gras Pan, Modder river, Spionkloof, Kimberley, Vryburg, and Mafeking to Bulawayo. This is the line along which Gen. Methuen advanced, to the relief of Kimberley, the names on which are already written deeply on the pages of British history.

It was generally believed that Gen. Buller's intention was to make his principal advance into the Orange Free State by the East London and Port Elizabeth lines for the double purpose of getting the shortest route from the sea to the enemy's country, and to overawe the disaffection known to exist in the country between the Stormberg Mountains and the Orange river region about two hundred miles from east to west by 50 miles from north to south. The plan was a good one, but it has failed, owing to the necessity of sending the strongest British forces to Ladysmith and Kimberley, and the worst that could have happened in northern Cape Colony has happened. However, there is one good feature about the matter. Henceforth there will be no illusions as to the true causes of the war. The Cape Dutch had no grounds of complaint, no cause of quarrel with Britain any more than had the people of the Orange Free State. They did not pretend that they had. The question at issue was not of right or wrong, of liberty or tyranny. It was purely and simply a question of race domination. Solely and only whether Boer or Britain should rule in South Africa. Evidently the question will take longer to decide than was at first expected, but now that the British know the full measure of what they have to face, the result will be reached just that much sooner and surer.

BRITISH LOSSES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The following figures show the total British losses to Nov. 10th ult., as nearly as can be calculated from official despatches;

Mafeking, Oct. 15 to 31:	
Killed,	13
Wounded	31
Glenoco, Oct. 26 to 26:	
Killed	48
Wounded	219
Missing	208
Elandsnagte, Oct. 21:	
Killed	51
Wounded	213
Crocodile River, Oct. 22:	
Killed	2
Wounded	3
Missing	4
Rietfontein, Oct. 24:	
Killed	12
Wounded	104
Missing	2
Kimberley, Oct. 24:	
Killed	3
Wounded	12
Ladysmith, Oct. 28 to Nov. 3:	
Killed	4
Wounded	11
Farquhar's Farm (Ladysmith), Oct. 30:	
Killed	60
Wounded	238
Missing	871
Died of fever	1
Died of wounds	19
Belmont, Nov. 10:	
Killed	2
Wounded	4
Total losses.	
Killed	195
Wounded	844
Missing	1085
Died of fever	1
Died of wounds	19
2,144	

AS SHAW SAW IT.

Charles Lewis Shaw, at one time a barrister at Edmonton and before that a voyageur on the Nile expedition, is now a special correspondent with Gen. Methuen's force. His comments on the battle of Belmont have been cabled around the world under the auspices of the London Daily News. He says: "How the British scaled steep kopjes was a mystery. They fought their way up yard by yard. Orders from officers were unnecessary. The last kopje had been insufficiently shelled when the British reached the foot, so they halted until the artillery somewhat cleared the way. There we lost most heavily, forty dropping close together. Then, in the face of a terrible fire, the kopje was climbed. After five minutes fight the battle was over. Ninth Lanciers started in pursuit, but their horses were exhausted. Had there been a couple of caravans of fresh horses, the rout of the enemy would have been turned into a massacre. I was particularly struck with the deadly earnestness of Tommy Atkins."

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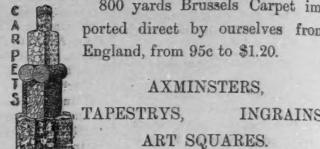
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CANADA AND CANADIANS.

The following is from a recent speech by Hon. G. W. Ross, premier of Ontario, delivered at Whitby, Ont.:

We want to feel more and more the growing responsibilities upon us—shall I say the growing responsibilities upon the Dominion of Canada, of which Ontario is the most important part?

We must rise to a conception of the magnitude of our position as Canadians. Canada as our home of half a continent is destined to have a future, the brilliancy of which and the success of which no one can anticipate. Why, at the beginning of this century the population of the United States was only 5,000,000. Scarcely a hundred years have flown away, and to-day their population is estimated at 75,000,000. In 20, 30, or 40 years what will the population of Canada be? It will be just what our energy in developing the latent resources of the country, in encouraging settlement and in improving the social condition of the people will make it.

We have not, shall I say, enough confidence in our lives. We have not confidence enough in ourselves as Canadians. We are looking to the United States, to the Washingtons, Websters and Lincolns, and seeing in these names the elements of greatness, forgetting that on Canadian soil we have their equals in the Browns, Baldwins, Blakes and Mowats of the present day. Let us display our loyalty to our own men. Let the children of Canada know that Canadian soil will produce men the equal of any other soil. We think of the great expanse of the United States, forgetting we have a still greater expanse. We talk of the constitutional development of England, forgetting that we have made even greater development constitutionally than England. There is no land more free, there are no institutions more stable, no people more intelligent than ours. No premier of any country can properly indulge in greater feelings of pride than I can indulge in, in being the first minister of this great province.

BATTLE OF STORMBERG

War office despatch, Dec. 11; Gattre reports as follows; The idea to attack Stormberg seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was under-estimated by myself and the local guides. The policeman took us round some miles, consequently we were marching from 9:30 p. m. till 4 a. m., and were landed in an impossible position. I do not consider the error intentional. The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unscalable hill, and wounded a good many of our men while in the open plain. The Second Northumberland tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The Second Irish Fusiliers seized a kopje near by and held on, supported by the mounted infantry and Cape police. The guns under Jeffreys could not have been better handled. But I regret to say that one gun was overturned in a small nullah and another sank in quicksand. Neither could be extricated in time to be available.

"Seeing the situation, I sent a despatch rider to Molteno with news, and collected and withdrew our force from the ridge for about nine miles. The Boer guns were remarkably well served and they carried accurately 5,000 yards. I am holding Bushmanshoek Cuperatz, and am sending the Irish Rifles and Northumblanders to Sterkstroom to recuperate. The wounded proceed to Queenstown. The missing Northumbrians number 366, not 366 as previously reported."

SIR CHARLES AT CALGARY.

A large crowd assembled at the Calvary opera house on Dec. 12th, to hear Sir Charles Tupper, on the occasion of his first visit to Calgary. Premier Laurier, who preceded Sir Charles, referred to the latter's share in bringing about confederation, and attacked the Liberal government for the unfulfilled promise of free trade. Sir Charles referred to the enthusiastic support he had given the Liberal government in sending a contingent to the Transvaal. The government had been forced to take the course they did by the speaker and his party. Through his efforts a million dollars of insurance was effected on the lives of the contingent. Canada he said should take part in every war of the empire. The Liberal government had violated its pledges, and the next election would witness its downfall. The duties on cotton and agricultural implements, he stated, had been increased. The high commission had failed at Washington because the government had given away, to England the only benefit the Americans would accept in return for equivalent favors from them. The government's policy had been stolen from the conservatives. He concluded with an attack upon the minister of the interior and the Crows Nest Pass and Yukon railway policy and administration.

WHEAT MARKET.

Free Press, Dec. 13.—Prices in store at Fort William; Manitoba wheat steady. There were buyers in the morning at 65¢ for spot 1 hard, but with an easier feeling on the decline in American markets, 65¢ was the best bid. This afternoon the tone is more confident again, and 65 1/4¢ is offered for spot 1 hard. January delivery is worth 60¢ to 66 1/4¢.

Toronto Telegram; Manitoba is choosing to-day between a government which deserves to lose and an opposition which does not deserve to win.

AN ENGLISH OPINION.

The London Daily Chronicle's critic remarks: "It is curious to see an experienced soldier trusting so implicitly to his guides, and that his scouts and advance guard do not inform him that he was coming in close contact with the enemy and that the ground in front was impracticable. The fact seems clear that Gen. Gatacre was led unsuspectingly into an elaborately prepared trap, and it is almost wonderful that the disaster was no worse, when, as a correspondent says, the force was not molested by the enemy until it had actually reached the impregnable position occupied by the Boers, when a hot fire was opened unexpectedly upon it. Everything seems to have been unexpected, from the location of the enemy to his numbers and guns, while the country itself was, apparently, absolutely unknown except it is the very district Gen. Gatacre has been preparing to operate in ever since his arrival."

SIR CHARLES AT REGINA.

On another page of this issue will be found a fair summary report of the conservative meeting held here last Friday afternoon. The prominence of Sir Charles Tupper in public affairs, his advanced age, his many years of public service all contribute to make him an interesting figure and a drawing one at any public gathering. It is not at all surprising, therefore, that in the capital of the Northwest Territories he should be received by a crowded audience.

The Standard does not hesitate to affirm that Sir Charles' speech, taken as a whole, was disappointing. He was expected to discuss Dominion politics, but the victory of the provincial opposition in Manitoba came upon him so unexpectedly as to somewhat disarrange his thoughts, and betray him into indulgence of that penchant for wild exaggeration, by which he gained the sobriquet of "the great stretcher." He charged Greenway with having introduced a gerrymander that in itself bespoketh foreknowledge of defeat. Later on he attributed the defeat of the Greenway government to the presence of Mr. Sifton in the campaign, and a little later still he modestly hinted that it might possibly be ascribed to the part taken in it by Mr. Davin and himself.

But it was when he at length reached federal affairs that his powers of inventive and exaggeration were best displayed. This paper is no apologist for the Dominion government, but we say for Messrs. Sifton, Paterson and Mills that their gentlemanly allusions to absent opponents, when they alluded to them at all, were in marked and most favorable contrast with the verbose vehemence and ranklings that rolled off the tongue of the Baronet. To hear Sir Charles declaim against corruption with all the innocence of a seraph and the force of a cataract, and then to think of the Pacific scandal, the Onderdonk contracts and the Curran bridge, to say nothing of a thousand other boodle transactions, was amusing to anyone who has lived long enough to have some personal knowledge of Canadian affairs since confederation.

While Sir Charles denounced the Teslin tramway scheme with all the powers of forensic language and gestulatory emphasis, we wondered what the effect would be if someone, possessing sufficient disregard for the sacredness of the occasion, should ask him how it was that he had at first approved of the Siftonian scheme for building this particular link in the now famous route. Our readers will remember that early in the spring of 1898 Mr. Sifton took a run up to Skagway to inform himself on the question of routes to the Klondike. At that time Sir Charles was in Victoria arranging matters in connection with a proposed transportation company composed of himself, Mr. Dewdney and others. Mr. Sifton, on his way back met Sir Charles. What transpired between them is still a sealed book, but the fact remains that he then endorsed the Teslin railway scheme, and "crawfizized" on it only when the Toronto World wagged the tail of the party with such vigor as to arouse the whole body, and compel the head to change its mind.

WANTED.

or Cash a few Lynx paw rugs, living immature. E. F. SLOCUM, Edmonton.

TEACHER WANTED.

Wanted for the Edmonton Protestant public school district No. 7. Female teacher holding first class professional certificate. Duties to begin Feb. 1. Apply to undersigned before 26th December. ST. GEO. JELLETT, Secy-Treas.

FENTHAY.

Pair of mules, a grey and a bay; shot all around and heavily hauled on.

M. GROAT, John Groat's House, Edmonton.

TEACHER WANTED.

For Lums Lake School District, No. 88. First or second class professional. Term one year. Duties to commence first of year and applications to be made by the 23rd. Apply, stating salary required, to.

11-16 A. HUTCHINGS, Edmonton.

NOTICE

To be sold by auction by F. S. Mitchell, J. P., on his premises, Sec. 12, Tp. 54, Rg. 25, west 4th, on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 2 o'clock, p. m., one astray small team horses, aged.

WANTED.

At once a good general servant. Apply by letter to MRS. ROBERT BREBNER, Spruce Grove.

TENDERER WANTED.

For the supply of coal and wood for the Edmonton Protestant Public School District No. 7 for 1900. Tenders to be handed to the Secretary not later than the 20th of December.

10-16 GEO. JELLETT, Secretary.

FALL AND WINTER

Suitings and Overcoatings.

We have now in stock the finest and choicest assortments of Suitings ever shown in this town. Our stock comprises the Newest Shades in Tweeds and Serge. We guarantee all our garments to fit perfectly. It will pay you to see our goods and get our prices before ordering elsewhere.

You get style, fit and service by ordering your Clothing from

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Heavy Overcoats,

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No man too large to be fitted, none too astiduous to be suited, and none so poor that they need go cold. Our stock will cover all.

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Edmonton, is now open and is prepared to give first class accommodation to the public. All meals 25¢. Meals at all hours. First door west Collins' Harness shop.

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A 100-barrel shipment just arrived . . .

BALDWIN'S, GREENING,
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And other varieties.

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They're going fast.

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FOR SALE.

Two prominently located Main Street Lots for sale at a great bargain. Enquire at

P. HEIMINCK & CO.'S
Real Estate Offices, Edmonton.

NOTICE!

The business of The Edmonton Saddlery Co. having been taken over by The Great West Saddlery Co., all accounts and notes due the said Company must be paid over to the new firm. After that date all accounts and overdues notes will be turned over to our solicitor for collection. As far as possible we will pay the debts of the old firm, and will write to you the names of the nearest, easiest to handle, easiest to turn, easiest to pay for, and last but not least, the best cleaned and graded in the market.

AGENTS WANTED.

POTTER & McDougall,

Auction Room, McDougall Street.

Selling our line of Goods, Furnishings, Tinware

and Fancy Goods at 20 per cent. discount.

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T. G. HUTCHINGS, Mgr.

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Apply to

D. R. FRASER,
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GRAND BAZAAR

For the erection of a new Cathedral at St. Albert, to be held under the patronage of their Lordships, Bishop Grandin and Bishop Legal, and the ladies of the congregation, in the large, new College of St. Albert, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 18th, 19th & 20th.

A lively competition for the most popular lady will take place in connection with the Bazaar. Two candidates will compete. A beautiful gold watch, presented by His Lordship Bishop Legal, will be given to the winning candidate. Both young ladies are very popular.

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WIRE NEWS BY MAIL.

A Daring Exploit at Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 9.—The war office to-night issued the following despatch from Gen. Buller, dated Frere Camp, Dec. 9th, afternoon: "The following was received from Gen. White to-day: 'Last night sent Gen. Hunter with 500 Natal volunteers under Royston and 100 of the Imperial Light Horse under Edwards to surprise a gun on a hill. The enterprise was admirably carried out and was entirely successful, the hill being captured and a six inch gun and a howitzer being destroyed with gun cotton by Capt. Fowke and Lieut. Turner. A maxim was captured and brought to Ladysmith. Our loss was one killed and Major Henderson of the first battalion of the Argyle Highlanders wounded. At the same time Col. Knox seized the hill one squadron of the 19th Hussars rode round Hepworth hill, burning kraals and cutting the Boer telegraph lines. They had no casualties.'"

The Boer Account.

Boer Head Lancer, Ladysmith, Friday, Dec. 8.—The British troops made a sortie between one and two o'clock in the morning. They crawled up a ravine and stormed and carried Lomards Kop, which was held by the Boers and in which were placed a Creusot gun and a howitzer. These guns were destroyed with dynamite. The British captured a maxim gun and then retired. The lancers, hussars and guards made a sortie west of Ladysmith at daybreak under cover of a heavy artillery fire, which the Boers returned briskly. The British afterwards returned to Ladysmith. The Boer losses are reported to have been slight. A strong burgher column crossed the Tugela river at Colenso with the object of attacking the British Escourt column.

Ladysmith, Friday, Dec. 8.—Major Erasmus and Lieut. Malau will be tried by court martial in connection with the loss of guns.

Stormberg.

London, Dec. 11.—The Times published the following despatch from Molteno; "Gen. Gatacre attempted to assault the Boer position at Stormberg at dawn to-day, Sunday. The guides led us wrong, and we were surprised while in fours, and after a very trying march. Our retirement was effected in excellent order, there being no hurry, even at the most critical time. The Northumbrians and Irish Rifles behaved as if on review. One of our guns we had to abandon."

London, Dec. 11.—The war office has received the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday noon;

"The position of the enemy in Stormberg district last night was the following. At Stormberg, six laagers; at Dordrecht, 800 men; twenty-three miles south of Sterkstroom 200 men. Major Elliot reports that Dalgety, with a force, has gone toward Keread to co-operate with Gatacre."

Cape Town, Dec. 9.—One hundred men of the naval brigade proceeded to the front to-night. It is known that the Boers have cross-cut the ends of their mauser bullets, thus producing an effect similar to dum-dums. Halse and Warren and thirty men left the camp at Carnarvon to-day and when four miles out sighted a patrol of twelve Boers, who sought cover. Two of the Boers were wounded. Halse ascertained that the Boers were in strong force in a laager, and retired to his base. This is the first brush of General Gatacre's forces, and they are all eager to follow it up.

Mafersonton.

The following despatch is dated "North of Modder river, Monday, Dec. 11." The guards and the Highland brigade early last night moved from the Modder river camp, marching in an easterly direction. The objective of the Highlanders was the eastern spur of the Boer position, the guards following the bank of the river while the Yorkshire light infantry moved along the river side."

"Just before daybreak the Highlanders arrived within 200 yards of the Boer entrenchments at the foot of a hill. Unsuspecting that the Boers were in the vicinity the British were still marching in quarter column in close order when they met a terrible fire from the flanks and were forced to retire with heavy loss. The troops reformed under shelter of some rising ground and gallantly held their position. Later the Gordons arrived and the troops gradually worked their way to within 300 yards of the Boer position. In the meanwhile a naval gun at the Modder river, the howitzer batteries and the artillery opened a terrific fire, enveloping the trenches and searching every portion of the Boers' position. The Boer guns were entirely silent. In the meantime, the Boers on the open ground directly in the front, moved with the object of making a flank attack, but this was frustrated by the guards and artillery.

"The Boers recommended shelling in the evening, but no damage was done. The British slept on their position. It is expected there will be a renewal of the fighting to-morrow. The losses on both sides were very heavy."

A train of nine freight cars was blown off the track of the Lethbridge and Great Falls Narrow Gauge railway on Tuesday, Nov. 28th. The accident occurred on the Montana side of the boundary near Shelby junction. The engine and tender remained on the track. A boarding car, much higher than the others, went over first and took the other cars with it. The boarding car took fire and Peter McArthur, one of the passengers, was burned to death. Three other men were in great peril, but were rescued. The Lethbridge News gives a full account of the accident.

AN ANDREE STORY.

A. D. Alston, H. E. officer in charge at Fort Churchill, writes that in July last several Esquimaux trading at Churchill, gave circumstantial accounts of the killing of two white men in the north in the previous summer. The report was that the Esquimaux saw four white men hunting deer. Supposing them to be enemies they shot them with arrows, killing two. The other two escaped. One of the men killed was stout and middle aged. The other was young. The Esquimaux reported a big round thing up north, full o' tobacco, clothes, ammunition etc.

WHITE FISH LAKE.

Indian Advocate, November; Threshing is done. Total amount of wheat threshed 2,400 bushels, of which about 1,500 bushels was grown at Whitefish and Goodfish lakes. The balance was r. used at Saddle lake.

An issue of marriage licenses is issued at Whitefish lake. Indian summer is still on.

The Advocate wants the road on the north side of the Saskatchewan from Edmonton to Victoria improved.

Attendance at the Indian schools at Whitefish lake, Goodfish lake and Saddle lake is respectively about 14, 20 and 10.

THRESHERS.

The following threshers are operating east of Fort Saskatchewan this season:

Partridge Hill Threshing Co.; McLelland Shackleton, Fort Saskatchewan; P. Mohr, Josephburg; Fluker & Hare, Wedge Bros., and Hennig, Deep Creek; Puilshif & Co., Edna; J. D. MacAllister, Beaver Lake; Eight steam machines. There are four horse power machines owned by E. S. Harris, Edna; S. A. Richardson, Manawan; Dennis, Birch Creek; and M. Cromarty, Victoria. Most of the machines are pretty well through for the season, but Cromarty's has only started. These machines all find work in a district which five years ago had not work for one steam machine. This is a sample of the growth of the district east of and tributary to Fort Saskatchewan.

WAR NEWS.

Methuen's check following Gatacre's repulse, says the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, has had a most depressing effect upon loyalists who bore by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings.

Large section restless, need but little persuasion to join the Boers. Disturbing reports come from the eastern districts of Cape Colony, where secret meetings are held. The Imperial authorities are arming loyal farmers in the Keraad districts.

The newspapers are calling upon the government to employ Cunarders as well as White Star steamers as transports seeing the great necessity for getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand men could still be sent without calling on the militia for foreign service. The militia effective is 100,000 men. From this body 20,000 could be spared for Africa. Moreover the colonies are again proffering assistance. The greatest need therefore is speedy transports.

Sir Chas. Warren arrived at Cape Town yesterday. He will join Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

The order is issued to prepare an other siege train to go with the 7th division.

London, Dec. 14; The morning papers do not attempt to minimize the fact of Gen. Methuen's repulse as one of the most serious events the war has produced.

W. F. LUXTON.

Nelson Miner; The despatches convey the intelligence that Mr. Luxton, of Winnipeg, has been made editor-in-chief of The St. Paul Globe. Mr. Luxton was the founder of the Winnipeg Free Press, which grew under his management from a small beginning in 1871 into one of the most prosperous and influential newspapers of the Dominion. How his connection came to be severed is a long story, but in every circumstance of it his study independence and unwavering rectitude of character were conspicuously evident. The ability which built up and maintained The Free Press as a newspaper of the highest standard will make The Globe a power in St. Paul.

Cascade Record, Dec. 2nd; The impassable condition of the wagon roads, together with the marvelous increase of business and rapid development of the Boundary country, has caused the C. P. R. to be simply overwhelmed with shipping orders only a small portion of which are attended to with any degree of promptness or reliability. This state of affairs has almost paralyzed every branch of business in this part of the Boundary. It cannot be possible that the C. P. R. authorities are aware of the manner in which its freight business is being conducted on the Columbia & Western branch, or it would not be so. Goods shipped east would not be so. Goods shipped west go west; perhaps, travel back and forth on the line for weeks, flitting about so that neither consignee nor consignor can get track of them.

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Alberta—N. Brosseau, Montreal; W. Toole, Calgary; S. Gilson, Nanapee; L. Moret, P. B. Culiffe, Fort Saskatchewan; J. H. Stovel, town; E. H. McVicar, Winnipeg.

Queen's—R. J. Westgate, Sturgason; J. T. Collison, St. Albert; D. McEachern, Fort Saskatchewan.

Jasper—J. A. McKenzie; A. W. Anderson, Butterfield; Minnesota; A. M. Coughlin, Morinville; J. H. McKenzie.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

The Railway and Shipping World for November gives the following figures concerning the Calgary & Edmonton and Regina & Long Lake railways; ways;

Calgary & Edmonton—Net loss in operating for Aug., \$8,596.49, against net loss of \$3,017.68 for Aug., 1898. Net earnings for Sept., \$10,254.31, against net earnings of \$5,767.93 for Sept., 1898.

Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan—Net loss in operating for Aug., \$5,861.38, against net loss of \$2,728.78 for Aug., '98. In Sept., 1899, the net loss in operating was \$4,607.45, against net loss of \$3,323.35 for Sept., 1898.

The foregoing statement shows that traffic earnings on the C. & E. were nearly double for last September, what they were the previous September. The process by which a loss in operation over this road is arrived at is a secret of railway financing.

STRATHCONA ITEMS.

Palmester. Mr. Roholt shot a fine two-year old black tailed buck on Saturday last at Rabbit Hill.

Will Ritchie left on Tuesday for Westaskiwin where he will assume his duties as manager in the new flour mill of Fairbank & Ritchie.

About 25 applications for the position of second teacher in the Strathcona schools have been received. The number includes B. A.'s, M. A.'s, Ph. D.'s and other degrees.

An ice carnival has been arranged for by the Ladies Aid of the English church to take place on Wednesday, Jan. 10th, next on the Shamrock rink.

The Strathcona school election on Monday resulted in the return of Messrs. J. T. McLaren, Thomas Bennett and Arthur Richards as trustees. The board now consists of five members, Messrs. R. Ritchie and A. McLean being the other two.

William Magee, of Rabbit Hill, got home from the Klondike last Friday night, after an absence of two years. Mr. Magee is in good health and spirits and talks freely of his experiences in the gold country. He brought back some fine specimens of quartz from claims located but did not strike anything worth while in placer diggings.

A very pleasant evening was spent in Ross Hall on Tuesday by the Presbyterian congregation, the occasion being the anniversary social of the church. The evening was spent in social intercourse, refreshments were served and a brief informal programme was rendered.

Mr. Jelland, of Sandon, B. C., has been in town for several days buying grain and produce for the Kootenay. Mr. Jelland formerly farmed in the Agricola settlement, but is now doing a prosperous business in groceries, feed and provisions at Sandon. He says the Sloan country suffered seriously all summer from the miners' strike but is now recovering. No change has been made in the 8-hour legislation, but the men are becoming reconciled to it and are going back to work. He has high hopes for the future of that great mining district.

FARMERS MARKET.

The very unsatisfactory condition of the wheat market continues. The severe weather of the latter end of last week caused deliveries to slacken and may have helped the price. The Dowling Company buy at 60c for No. 1 when they have room to store, but as the farmers do not know from day to day whether the mill can accept wheat or not they are in a poor position to take advantage of the price quoted. Farmers are delivering on contract to both mills at 60c for No. 1. But enquiry of farmers would indicate that wheat worth 60c or even 65c on the open market a few weeks ago is now worth about 45c, with grades running down to 35c. This is below export value at Fort William prices and many farmers are arranging to ship their wheat on their own account. The high prices of a few weeks ago was caused by the active competition of the local mills. Now the market is in the hands of the exporters.

Oats are worth all the way from 17c to 22c, 20c is about the limit in Edmonton. Deliveries are much heavier than of wheat, but the bulk of the crop is still in farmers' hands, owing to lack of snow for sleighing and the pushing of threshing operations.

Now that the threshing is about over and sleighing has come deliveries of oats will no doubt be brisk, notwithstanding the drop in price. It is likely that farmers will hold their wheat to a considerable extent until the market improves. The slight improvement at Fort William does not seem to have been met by a corresponding improvement here.

Butter was a little more plentiful last week owing to farmers coming in to trade for Christmas supplies. But it is still scarce at 17c to 20c.

Eggs still almost out of market at 30c.

Hay somewhat scarce at \$6 a ton. Green feed plentiful at \$5 a ton.

Season of 1899-1900.

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STRATHCONA

On Thursday evening, Dec. 14th, the Masons of Acacia Lodge, No. 66, elected their officers for the ensuing year, consisting as follows: Worshipful master, D. S. MacKenzie; senior warden, Wm. McLaren; junior warden, Mr. Bennett; treasurer, Mr. Montgomery; secretary, W. G. Richardson. The lodge will give an "At Home" in their hall, Strathcona, on the evening of Dec. 27th, for masons and ladies.

Messrs. Taylor & Boyle have just received a new safe, manufactured by J. & J. Taylor, Toronto.

On account of the poor sleighing very little grain is offering at present. The Shamrock hockey team are doing some hard training and expect to cross sticks with the Edmonton hockeysticks on Xmas day.

Dec. 18th, '99.

SOLDIERS PAY.

An Ottawa despatch says: Dr. Borden, who has returned here, has decided to pay the wives of Canadian soldiers in the Transvaal the amount which, under army regulations they are entitled to receive from the Imperial government. The amount due them for November has already been paid, as that was a fixed charge against the Canadian government, but now the troops have passed under Imperial control and payment, according to arrangements made by the British government, devolves upon the home authorities.

However, it would mean delay to wait until the money was received from the war office, and therefore the minister of militia has decided to pay the sums due the wives and children of Canadian soldiers out of the Canadian treasury. In this way, there will be no delay. Whether a refund will be asked for from the British government afterwards is a matter which can be decided when the war is over.

It is also understood that the government will pay the members of the permanent corps who are in the Canadian contingent full pay during their absence. What members of the militia will receive has not been decided upon. Some of them are now receiving full pay from the Dominion government, if they happen to be in the civil service, from the provincial governments, or from firms in whose employment they were before leaving.

Before deciding what he will do in the matter, Dr. Borden will have to consider that some do not get two or three pays and others go without.

A QUESTION OF POLICY.

We do not expect protection to be abolished in a day or two. We are willing to make every allowance for the government and to tolerate unavoidable slowness and delay. But we do not want to be humbugged by vague promises or to be told that the present tariff is not a protective tariff. We want to know where the government really stands; we ask for frankness, candor and straightforward dealing. If the government will let us know where it really stands if it will be frank and candid, we

will not find western liberals unreasonable in their expectations, or impractically impatient.

The question which cannot be deferred, which will not rest, which must be dealt with now, for good or ill, is the land and railway policy to be pursued in western Canada. In dealing with this question, there is only one consideration which can prevent government from following a right course,—that consideration is the fear or favor of railway promoters and corporations. The welfare and development of the west, the future of Canada, is bound up with the right settlement of this question. It affects profoundly not only our material prosperity, but our whole national life.

WAR NOTES.

A special correspondent's description of the battle of Lombard's Kop, during which the disaster of Nicholson's Nek occurred, makes it clear that this battle like most of the others of the war was fought without knowledge on the part of the British commander of the numbers or disposition of the enemy notwithstanding the fact that he had the advantage of the use of a war balloon. Possibly it was not so much the lack of knowledge as of the ability to use the knowledge possessed to advantage.

Mafeking was safe on Nov. 30th. A Pretoria despatch gives the following regarding Gen. Giatare's defeat at Stormberg junction: "The British with six cannons attacked the Boers under Swanepoel and Oliver, and stormed the Boers' entrenched position on the kopjes. After a severe fight they were compelled to surrender. The British prisoners numbered 672. A later report says that Gen. Swanepoel has been replaced by a Scotchman named Robertson."

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The Boiler may be seen at the station.

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